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I am not a Microsoft employee nor do I have any financial interest in Microsoft. I am a retired business executive, but I am keenly interested in the Microsoft case as a citizen.

The additional penalties which the states opposing the DOJ settlement proposal are demanding would be injurious to both our individual citizens who use the Internet and to our nation's world-wide competitive position. If these states, including Florida, get their demands, our nation's digital innovation will suffer, costs will increase and operating codes compatibility will become more complex. Additionally, the attorneys general of individual states will be encouraged to further feed their egos and political ambitions by meddling in future DOJ cases.

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